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II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An absorbent article, comprising:

a top sheet material;
a back sheet material;
an absorbent core disposed between the top sheet material and the back sheet material; and
adhesive,
wherein at least some of the adhesive comprises ~~a skin care benefit effective amount from about 0.0003 weight% to about 0.06 weight%~~ of a skin wellness ingredient, based on the total weight of the article.

2. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the skin wellness ingredient is selected from the group consisting of algae extract, aloe, allantoin, bisabolol, calendula officinalis, Canadian balsam, cocoa butter, colloidal oatmeal, dimethicone, eucalyptus leaf oil, German chamomile, glycerin, Gorgonian extract, helichrysum angustifolium wax, jojoba, lanolin, lavandin, lemon balm, mineral oil, petrolatum, rosemary, spike lavender, tea tree, true lavender, Vitamin E, Vitamin E-acetate, witch hazel, or zinc oxide, and mixtures thereof.

3. (Currently amended) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the amount of the skin wellness ingredient in the absorbent article is from about 1 weight% to about 3 ~~wt~~ weight%, based on the weight of the adhesive into which the skin wellness ingredient is incorporated.

4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the adhesive bonds the top sheet material to the back sheet material, and the adhesive comprises a skin care benefit effective amount of a skin wellness ingredient.
6. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the adhesive bonds the absorbent core to either the top sheet material or the back sheet material, and the adhesive comprises a skin care benefit effective amount of a skin wellness ingredient.
7. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising at least one elastic element disposed between the top sheet material and the back sheet material.
8. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 7, wherein the adhesive bonds the at least one elastic element to at least one of the top sheet material, the back sheet material, and the absorbent core, and the adhesive comprises a skin care benefit effective amount of a skin wellness ingredient.
9. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein at least some of the adhesive comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of styrene-butadiene block copolymer, tackifying resin, oil diluent, and substantially radial styrene-butadiene block copolymer, or triple-block copolymer of polystyrene block copoly(ethylene/butylene) block polystyrene, and mixtures thereof.
10. (Currently amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
 - a top sheet material;
 - a back sheet material operatively associated with the top sheet material;
 - an absorbent core operatively associated with at least one of the top sheet material and the back sheet material; and
 - at least one elastic element operatively associated with at least one of the top sheet material, the back sheet material, and the absorbent core,

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wherein the absorbent article further comprises an adhesive with a skin care benefit effective amount from about 0.0003 weight% to about 0.06 weight% of a skin wellness ingredient to produce a skin care benefit for the wearer of the absorbent article, based on the weight of the article.

11. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the adhesive is used to operatively association one or more components selected from the group consisting of: the back sheet material to the top sheet material; the absorbent core to at least one of the top sheet material and the back sheet material; and the elastic elements to at least one of the top sheet material, the back sheet material, and the absorbent core.

12. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the skin wellness ingredient is selected from the group consisting of algae extract, aloe, allantoin, bisabolol, calendula officinalis, Canadian balsam, cocoa butter, colloidal oatmeal, dimethicone, eucalyptus leaf oil, German chamomile, glycerin, Gorgonian extract, helichrysum angustifolium wax, jojoba, lanolin, lavandin, lemon balm, mineral oil, petrolatum, rosemary, spike lavender, tea tree, true lavender, Vitamin E, Vitamin E-acetate, witch hazel, or zinc oxide, and mixtures thereof.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A method for making an absorbent garment, comprising:
preparing a top sheet material;
preparing a back sheet material;
preparing an absorbent core;
disposing the absorbent core between the top sheet material and the back sheet material;
adhesively bonding the top sheet material to the back sheet material;
and optionally

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adhesively bonding the absorbent core to at least one of the top sheet material and the back sheet material,
wherein the adhesive used for adhesive bonding comprises a ~~skin care benefit effective amount from about 0.0003 weight% to about 0.06 weight%~~ of a skin wellness ingredient, based on the weight of the absorbent garment.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising applying the adhesive containing the skin wellness ingredient to at least one component selected from the group consisting of the top sheet material, the back sheet material, and the absorbent core.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising preparing at least one elastic element and disposing the at least one elastic element between the top sheet material and the back sheet material.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising adhesively bonding the at least one elastic element to at least one of the top sheet material, the back sheet material, and the absorbent core, wherein the adhesive comprises a skin care benefit effective amount of a skin wellness ingredient.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the skin wellness ingredient is selected from the group consisting of algae extract, aloe, allantoin, bisabolol, calendula officinalis, Canadian balsam, cocoa butter, colloidal oatmeal, dimethicone, eucalyptus leaf oil, German chamomile, glycerin, Gorgonian extract, helichrysum angustifolium wax, jojoba, lanolin, lavandin, lemon balm, mineral oil, petrolatum, rosemary, spike lavender, tea tree, true lavender, Vitamin E, Vitamin E-acetate, witch hazel, or zinc oxide, and mixtures thereof.

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19. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the amount of the skin wellness ingredient in the absorbent article is from about 1 weight% to about 3 wt%, based on the weight of the adhesive into which the skin wellness ingredient is incorporated.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Original) The method of claim 14, comprising adhesively bonding the top sheet material to the back sheet material, whereby the adhesive comprises a skin care benefit effective amount of a skin wellness ingredient.
22. (Original) The method of claim 14, comprising adhesively bonding the absorbent core to either the top sheet material or the back sheet material, whereby the adhesive comprises a skin care benefit effective amount of a skin wellness ingredient.
23. (New) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the amount of the skin wellness ingredient present in the absorbent article ranges from about 0.001 weight% to about 0.002 weight%, based on the weight of the absorbent article.
24. (New) The absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the skin wellness ingredient is present in an amount of from about 0.001 weight% to about 0.002 weight%, based on the weight of the absorbent article.
25. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the amount of the skin wellness ingredient present in the absorbent article ranges from about 0.001 weight% to about 0.002 weight%, based on the weight of the absorbent article.